MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): 85 (Acting 69 and permanent 16). All of them were promoted from the Department. The *statement required is also laid on the table.

Recruitment of Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

112. * **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Service Commissioner and Mr. Simpson who was the head of the Medical Department, have jointly conducted an examination for recruiting Sub-Assistant Surgeons; and

(*b*) if so, the community of the candidate who stood first in merit and the community of the candidate who came up according to communal rotation?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) The Public Service Commissioner and Mr. Simpson jointly interviewed the candidates who applied for the position of Sub-Assistant Surgeon during the first half of 1112 M. E.

(*b*) Marthomite and Other Hindu, respectively.

Varnavas in the Medical Department.

113. * **MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of officers belonging to the Varnava community (Pathiyan, Vannan, Mannan, Ettali, Chayakkaran, Pandy Vannan, Velan, Neriyan, Purathon and Paravan) in the Medical Department, the names of the posts they hold and the salary they are drawing?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: So far, none duly qualified to be an officer in the Medical Department has applied for a post in it.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യത നിർബന്ധമില്ലാത്ത ഏതെങ്കിലും വകുപ്പിൽ വർണ്ണവസമുദായത്തിൽനിന്ന് ആരെയെങ്കിലും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു പറയാമോ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Acquisition of land round about the Aruvikara Reservoir.

114. * **MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have granted permission to the Travancore Water Works to acquire more land round about the Aruvikara Reservoir in order to prevent the contamination of the impounded water, in view of the frequent outbreak of epidemics in the regions?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: No. The matter is under consideration.

Parur—Munambam Road.

115 * **MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** (*Kunnathunad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, they have taken for improving the Parur—Munambam Road?

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MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: Preliminary enquiries have been made and the Division Officer asked to prepare and submit detailed estimate when funds become available.

Loans issued from the State Credit Bank.

116. *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the amount of loan till now applied for in the Travancore Credit Bank; and

(*b*) the amount issued as loan from the Bank?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The *statement is laid on the table.

Travancore Credit Bank.

117. * **MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received for loan from the Travancore Credit Bank;

(*b*) the total amount of loan applied for;

(*c*) the number of applications granted for;

(*d*) the total amount of the loans granted; and

(*e*) the number of applications rejected?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*a*) 374 (up to 22-6-1939).

(*b*) Rs. 12,36,372.

(*c*) 88.

(*d*) Rs. 2,24,000.

(*e*) 59.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapally* cum *Karthikapally*): May I know from Government whether the loan issued from the Credit Bank includes the amount already issued from the Land Mortgage Bank also?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The information is in respect of the loans dealt with an finally disposed of by the Credit Bank. It does not includes the loans dealt with by the Land Mortgage Bank.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know why?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Sir, in addition to the information furnished in this and the subsequent interpellations, Government have no further information on the subject. Even this information has been furnished by the courtesy of the Credit Bank.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Who sanctions the loans?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Board of Directors.

Travancore Credit Bank.

118. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications for loans received by the Credit Bank; and

(*b*) the number of loans given by the Bank?

* *Vide* Appendix II.

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